de juegos el mejor es con la hoja.

AN EXTRACT OVT OF THE Hiſtorie of the laſt French King HENRY the fourth of famous memorie,

According to an Autentique Copie written in his life time.

To which is added his being *murdered with a knife in his Coach in* Paris the 14. of May laſt 1610. Styl. ROM.

WITH AN APPRECATION FOR THE SAFEGVARD and HAPPINES of our MOST GRACIOVS Soueraigne IAMES the firſt, &c.

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HONI SOIT QVI MAL Y PENSE

TO THE RIGHT Honorable WILLIAM Lord *Viſcount* Cranborne, *ſole ſonne* and heire to the Right Honorable the Earle of SALISBVRY, L. High *Treaſurer of England.*

Right Honourable,

THE *continuall* fauours *I receiued from your L. at my being in* FRANCE, *doe (and ſhall alwayes) binde me to ſerue and honor you in what I may. And now purpoſing with my* ſelfe *to conſecrate to this our* Age *and to* Poſteritie, *the* memorie *of* Henry *the* 4. *the*

late French King, (*whoſe moſt deplorable* Murder, ſorrow *it ſelfe can neuer ſufficiently bewaile*) *I eſteemed the* Dedication *thereof, (as well in reſpect of my owne particular dueties to your L. as in regard of the* Qualitie *of the* Subiect, *whereof I write*) *to belong to you, more then in* Part. *For with whome may my Narrations of the wonderfull paſſages of his* Life *hope to finde more gracious acceptance, then with your L. whom I knew to be ſo great an honourer of his* Perſon, *an eye-witneſſe of his Royall Parts, and one that had receiued ſo many ample fauours from him being aliue?*

The Circumſtances *of his being* Murdered, (*I cannot call it his*

his Dying, *for they* Die *not, but are* made *to* Die, *who are ſo Murdered*) *are beſt knowen to your L. whoſe ſpeedie Letters gaue our* STATE *the firſt notice of his* Fall. *I onely now ſet them downe to propoſe to your* Thoughts *the* Conſideration *of* Humane frailtie, *and the* Weakneſſe *euen of* greateſt Greatneſſe, *ſo often as you call to minde that* KING, *then whom, the* Princes *of the* Chriſtian world *cannot haue a more ample or apposite* Subiect *to meditate vpon.*

It was about Chriſtmas *laſt paſt* (*your L. did then too throughly thinke of it I am ſure, euer after to forget it*) *that the rumour of our* Kings death *was ſpread ouer the* French

French Court; *which (though it were but a rumour, and against which all those then about you opposed themselues) strooke you notwithstanding so full of* dolour *and* affliction of spirit, *that I suppose how much your* Noble *and* gentle nature *was wounded with the sight of this* Kings *wounds. Two notable* occurrences, *that in your* Lordships Trauels *you should heare of the murder of your owne King, (which prooued otherwise) and be an eye-witnesse of the Murder of another, which was too true; and both of them the greatest Kings of* Europe.

Your Losse *in* Him *was* great; great, *in loosing a* KING, *from whom you had receiued so* gracious respects;

reſpects; great, *in cutting off your* Honourable purpoſe *of following his Fortunes in thoſe* Germane Warres, *wherein you ſhould haue ſeene ſo* warrelike Leſſons *read by ſo* Excellent *and* profound *a* Maſter.

But GOD (*whoſe* Prouidence *and* Power *is as* infallible, *as* vnreſiſtable) *hath diuerted him from finiſhing that* great Affaire, *which he hath left (I hope) to be conſummated by* another. *I ceaſe from further troubling your Lordſhip, and ſo reſt*

Euer humbly at your
Honors command,
Edmond Skory.

AN EXTRACT out of the Hiſtorie of the laſt *French King* HENRY *the* 4. of famous memory.

THere being an *Vnion* of *Vertue* and *Fortune* in the *perſon* of this *French K. H.* the 4, whoſe life I will onely point at; hath iuſtly gotten him all the elevated *titles* of an *immortall glory*. So many *actions* of his *perſon* are as ſo many *miracles*, and may ſafely exempt him from being *paralleld* either in the *difficultie* of *obtaining*, or *happineſſe* in *keeping* ſo *great* and *ſtirring* a *Kingdome*. And the *particulars* indeede of the courſe of his *life*; ſeeme by the *Diuine prouidence* to haue bene conducible to the reſeruation of that *State*; which otherwiſe had fallen into an irrecouerable conſumption. His *birth* being amongſt the barren

rockes: and his *education* comporting with the asperitie of the *place*, were the ingredients with which his *youth* was tempered, and wherby (his *body* as his *spirit* made inuincible) he was prepared fit for the accõplishment of great, and glorious *labours*. Hee had not drawen the breath of seuen yeeres in this *world*; but his *qualitie* drewe him into the *knowledge* of the *world*: where, his *royall towardnesse* begot him *estimation*, and that *estimation* (euen then) extended it selfe to the assured hope of *succeeding greatnesse*. By the *Ciuil warres* was his *Father*, (the *Light*, & *Conductor* of his *Nature*, and *fortunes*) extinguisht; his *Mother* remoued from *Court*; his *Vncle* imprisoned; his friends in disgrace; his *seruants* banished; and his *owne ruine* plotted.

And now these *of the Religion* (beeing wrapped in like extremities, disposing their *eyes* to heauen, & their *bodies* to the earth, finding no other hope of *safetie*, then in his *Armes*) elected *him* their *Generall*; the abated hopes of *whom*, by the losse of foure *Battels*, could not bee repaired but by the felicitie

felicitie of his *Generous courage.*

At *nineteene* yeere old he was inueigled into his first *marriage*; a marriage as dangerous, as illegitimate; for celebration of which direfull Nuptials; *Hymen* had his garment not sprinkled; but daubed all ouer with the blood, of the best bloods in *France*; his *Mother* lost her life, his *friends* were banished, *himselfe*, and his *seruants* captiued. All which mischiefes he suffred patiently, and vnder-went the perils, inconueniencies, and labours, (though a Generall) euen of the *Common souldier*, vntill the time; that his wisdome obtained to his partie, some relaxation of euils; and breathing from toiles, by the meanes of a *fift Edict of peace.*

But suddenly; was this calme conuerted into a storme, which powred vpon him the charge of ten *royall Armies* in lesse then foure yeeres. At the *battell* of *Coutray*, his name was made terrible to the enemie; who, but by so apparant merit; was vnwilling to haue acknowledged his *Vertue*. A cruell tragedie ended, where France was

the Theatre, ſtrangers the Actors, the *Epilogue* of which was cloſed with the death of *two Princes*, who had filled the Realme with fire, blood and confuſion.

The *King* then reigning *Henry* the 3. (predeceſſor to this *King*, as well in being *murdered*, as in *rule*) being in deſperate diſtreſſe and almoſt ſurpriſed at *Tours*, was happily reſcued by this H. the 4. whoſe *approach* (like the diſcouery of a Land to *men* long at ſea) inſpired a new courage into the Kings drooping and diſheartned forces, and had conducted him to the vndoubted conqueſt of PARIS; but for that execrable King-killing-*Friar*, whoſe *face*, as his *diſſeigne* was mufled with the *veile* of *pietie*; by meanes whereof he was ſo vntimely rent from *himſelfe*, his *fortunes*, and his *friends*: The true naturall French men (being thus deſolated of their *Prince*, and fearing many *tyrant-Kings* in ſtead of *one lawfull*) caſt themſelues into *this mans armes*, and did commit to his *vertue* and *valour*, the *reuenge* of their ſlaughtered King, and the ſaluation of their State. Neuertheleſſe,

uertheleſſe, to ſuch an *height* was the aſtoniſhment of the fact growen, and to ſuch an *ebbe* was the fidelitie of the people drawen, by reaſon of *diuerſitie* in *Religion*: that many did ſhamefully abandon him; chuſing rather to be idle *ſpectators* in their *Countries* ruine, then faithfull *Patriots* in procuring, or defending the *Libertie* thereof.

All theſe oppoſitions augmented his reſolution, and were but as ſo many darke cloudes, in which his *fortunes* and *vertue* being inuolued, might in their due time breake forth with the more *aſtoniſhing violence*.

The inſolent obſtinacie of his rebellious *ſubiects*, made him to haue as many *combats*, as *iourneyes*, and as many *ſieges*, as *encampings*, oppoſing themſelues againſt him as a *publique enemie* to entrappe him, whileſt he ſought *them* as a *father* his *children*, to gaine them. Within his *tent* were nothing but griefes & anxieties cauſed by vn-intermiſsiue infidelities, and pernitious deſſeignes, diſcouered euery moment

ment against his *person* and the *State*: euery day double combat, double victory: one against his enemies, another with his owne, and *himselfe*: in the last of which, vsing a conniuent lenitie, where a sharper insight into the offences might bring domage. *Diepe* serues for example of his *fidelity*. *Arques* the scale to raise his *glory*. *Paris* beleeuing him vanquished, was amased to see him victorious. He made roades into diuers *prouinces*, to confirme those who were falling off. In his passage all yeelded to him, and an infinite number of taken-townes receiued a happy proofe of his *puissance*, and *moderation*. He returned with the same successe and diligence, to the reliefe of *Meulan*, chasing away the armie, and the *Generall* of the enemies, that held it besieged: who a litle after, being ioyned with the *Spanish* forces, in stead of diminishing their former shame, augmented his glory, giuing him new triumphs by the memorable battaile of *Yury*. Following this happinesse, *Vernon*, *Mante*, *Melun*, and many other places, were

brought

brought to his obedience, as *Chartreſſe* was after, and *Paris* it ſelfe had alſo bin, if his *goodneſſe* had not feared her ruine and deſolation.

To recount all his exployts, were matter enough for an ample Hiſtorie, and a taske for a perfect Hiſtorian; yet through theſe ſmall lights: may his *conduct, experience, diligence, conſtancie, patience, bountie* and *valour* (the eſſentiall parts of a *Generall*) be diſcerned.

At *Aumale* he was prodigall of his own blood to ſaue others. *Roan* brought to extremitie, ſaw him depart from her to encounter Strangers, which hee put to flight; and had hee not bene diſwaded by the counſell of others from the chaſe, they had receiued the reward of *Runneaways.*

Thus neuer beaten, alwayes victorious, conducted by *God*, through the pikes of his enemies, and from their clandeſtine machinations, (which a *falſe deuotion* raiſed inceſſantly againſt his life) hee diſcouered and ouerthrew the infernall deſ-

ſeignes of thoſe, who (to the attaining of their licentious and cruell purpoſes) had made *Religion* their vizard.

But, at length the hearts of the waue-ring were fortified, and the eyes of the o-uer-violently-deuout vnſeeled; who then ſaw the *vniuſt cauſes* that held them in *rebellion*: Then beganne the *Townes* of *France*, in æmulation one of another, to contend who ſhould offer *firſt*, or *moſt* their *Duetie*. *Meaux*, *Lyons*, *Orleans* and *Bourges* firſt in *obedience*, brought him the firſt *honour*; and, the King by his auſpi-cious entrance into *Paris*, got an immor-tall glory of the knowledge of *Lawes*, and *Armes*, *pardoning*, as well as *vanquiſhing*, forgiuing in a day ſo many people, and rendring and confirming life and libertie to ſo many *Strangers*; who could not per-ſwade themſelues, but that they were in the iawes of *Death* and *Bondage*.

The particular ſieges of *Laon*, and *La-Fere*, the ſcite and qualitie of the gariſon being impregnable, the voyage of the *Franch-comte*, the combats of *Fountaine-François*,

François, the taking of *Dijon*, and other Townes of *Burgongne*, the ſubmiſsion of many Princes, the reduction of *Roan*, *Newhauen*, *Amyens*, *Abbeuille*, *Peronne*, *Poitiers*, *Perigueux*, *Tholouſe*, *Marſeillis*, *Vienne*, *Valence*, *Troy*, *Sens*, *Rhejms*, and other Townes following their example, will one day fill many volumes, and conferre vpon this Prince the *Laurels* of *Alexander*, the *triumphes* of *Cæſar*, and the *felicities* of *Auguſtus*.

At his *generall aſſembly* held at *Roane*, he furniſht himſelfe by the aduiſe of *ſome*, for the Sauegard of *all*; and authoriſed thoſe *edicts* which aſſured *peace* and *reſt*.

In the ſurpriſe of *Amyens*, in liew of bearing ill will, the *ſucceſſe* confirmed the *diuine aſsiſtance*, the *fidelitie* of the *French*, the *courage* of the *Prince*, and the *terror* of the *Strangers*, who aſtoniſhed at his cariage in this buſineſſe; eſteemed themſelues fairely bleſſed, to haue obtained a peace from him. The *obſtinacie* of *Britanie* had giuen matter for his *powerfull Iuſtice* to worke vpon, if the *prayers*

of his *friends*, and the teares of the *vanquished*, had not diuerted his iuſt diſpleaſure. And then to giue *France* an honourable and glorious repoſe, and to make retribution to the *State* of that which had beene taken from her, hee diſplayed his Floure-de-lices within the *Alpes*, ouerturning all interpoſed obſtacles. The proude rocke of *Mountmeliend* (which the people thereabout held impregnable) looked fearfull at his preſence, and humbled it ſelfe to the force of his Cannons.

Piedmont, doubting her taking, and *Millaine* ſuffring a neighbour-feare (as being a frontier) implored the *Pope* by *perſwaſion* to diuert him; at whoſe *ſollicitation* he was content to deſiſt from further proſecution; and to *conſecrate* to the *peace* and *good* of that part of *Europe*, his *iuſt anger* & *conqueſts*, if he had followed his *courage*, his *puiſſance*, and *good fortune*.

To make all perfect, hee eſpouſed the *Princeſſe Maria* de *Medices*, whome the *heauens* had deſigned to be the *ornament* of *Italy*, the *glory* of *Florence*, the *Luſtre* of her *houſe*,

houſe, and the *hope* of *France*, with whome he made his royall entrie into *Paris*, and thinking he had now triumphed ouer *all* the *enemies* of the *State*, he diſpoſed himſelfe to recompence the *merits* and *vertues* of *thoſe*, who had formerly wel ſerued him; howbeit the ingratitude of *one* whome he had mightily raiſed, exaſperating his nature, conſtrained him to deliuer him to the *puniſhment* of *death*, whom no other *caſtigation* could reduce to *amendment*; giuing, by this correction of *one*; *feare* and *example* to *all*. His watchfulneſſe, ſtirred by this *allarume*; he preuented and diſsipated the remainders of that *treaſon*, iniecting a ſufficient terrour into the towne of *Sedan*, by the onely claſh of his armour, who found in their *teares* more ſafetie then in their *rampiers*; and ſo were aſſumed into his *fauour*. By this excellent *example* he confirmed the *good* in obedience, reduced *others* to duetie, and blotted out all remembrance of their former enormous offences; preferring *Mercie* before *Iuſtice*, and *Clemencie* before *Profit*. He reeſtabliſht by ſo-

lemne *Edicts*, ſuch as were condemned, and baniſhed by *Arreſt*, and raſed thoſe *monuments*, ſacred to his *memorie*, becauſe they were erected to the *infamie* of *others*. So *ſtrong* is he in *himſelfe*, and in the opinion of the *World*, that the *conclaue* reſpects him: *England* is in perfect amitie with him, *Almany* and *Italy* honours him, *Spaine* feares him, and *Belgia* ſeekes him. And now hee reioyceth in the *labour* of his handes, and in the *tranquility* which hee hath made with the *price* of his *blood*, and from the twentieth yeere of his age purchaſed with his laborious and dangerous exerciſes.

The *lawes* & *Arts* enioy a ſweet repoſe, and large increaſe vnder his *Empire*, and a free *commerce* is reeſtabliſhed throughout his *Kingdome*; he hath adorned his *Cittie* of *Paris* with many and excellent buildings, beſides other his particular workes of great Magnificence.

He ſhewed his peaceſull prouidence in *finances*, his iudgement in the choiſe of men, & his *viue-ſpirit* and excellent compoſition

poſition of mind and body in all ſuddaine accidents; And ſince he was a *King*, his greateſt enimies cannot iuſtly vpbrayd him with the leaſt breach of contracted friendſhip with any of his neighbours.

And laſtly, to ſumme vp this Man of men, this *princelike ſouldier, and ſouldier-like Prince*: whoſe royall face is white with *Time*, with *watchings* and with *experience*, and the Laurels which begirt his venerable head,& tooke their roote in his *Caske*, haue beene gathered in the grounds of three *pitched fields*: of 35. *encounters* of *armies*; of an hundred and forty combats, and 300.ſieges of places; in all which; his *perſon* ſtriued (if it were poſsible) to haue got the ſtart of his *courage*: For theſe *cauſes* hath the Chriſtian world reaſon to reioice in the contemplation of ſo able a champion againſt the common enimie: and the French Nation to hold themſelues happy in hauing ſo excellent a Prince.

But

BVt now I muſt forſake this groue of *Baies* and *Oliues* (which his *Valour* and *Wiſdome* had planted for my *Pen* to walke in) and addreſſe my ſelfe to ſpeake of his *Death*; in which the *liues* of ſo many thouſands were intereſſed. And as *He*, who being to ſet his hand to a *Proſcription* of the *Death* of *others*, wiſhed *he had bene ignorant of letters*, rather then to vſe them in ſuch a funerall affaire: So I proteſt before the knower of all *Hearts*, that I doe vnfainedly wiſh, not onely that I were ignorant of letters, but that I had alſo loſt that *hand*, with which I write theſe lines, ſo that hee were liuing; and that I had not true matter to write of his inhumane and barbarous ſlaughter, which I will briefly touch in the maine particulars; as being a Subiect in which my ſpirits languiſh, before they begin to enter, and in which being entred, I haue ſmall delight to continue long.

The King (for explanation of his deareſt affection to his Queene; and for ſatisfaction of his owne minde) had (before his

his intended departure for this *Warre*) inueſted *Her* with the *Crowne* and *Title* of *Queene* of *France* and *Nauarre*. The morrow after which great ſolemnitie, hee appointed to goe to his *Arſenall*, to viſite the Duke *d' Suylly* his Treaſurer, who at that time was in ſome indiſpoſition of body. And notwithſtanding (as it is written from good place) that hee was diſſwaded from going abroad that day by ſome, as a day markt out by Aſtrologers, to portend danger to his Perſon: yet he; a ſecond *Cæſar* as well in the courſe of his life as of his death, was little ſwayed with their diſſwaſions, but like a King, and a Chriſtian replied, *That it was an offence to God to giue credit to theſe Prognoſtiques; and that hauing God to his Guard, he feared no man.*

That morning, walking in the great gallerie at the Twilleries, hee had beene ſlaine by this villaine, (who to that purpoſe peſtered ſomewhat neere his Perſon) but that by ſome then about the King, he was thruſt off, eſteemed onely as ſome rude raſcall. After dinner, about foure of

the clocke, hee tooke his Coach vpon his foreſaid viſit, accompanied with the Dukes *d' Eſpernon*, and *Montbaſſon* and ſome other, whoſe names are not yet certainely related, and paſsing through the ſtreete called *La Ferronerie* (which leadeth into *Saint Denis* ſtreete) in a ſtreight paſſage, his Coach was ſtopped by reaſon of other *Carts* and *Coaches* thereabout; whereupon this *miſcreant* came vp to the King, who ſate in the hinder end of the Coach, & leaning at that time towardes the boote thereof to ſpeake to *Eſpernon*, enfolding the two hindermoſt pillars in his arme, diſcouered all his left ſide, in which opportunitie (the deuill prompting *Him*) he ſtrooke the King into the ſide with a knife of a foot long made for that purpoſe, and with a ſecond blow interrupted the King in his ſpeach (of ſaying, I am hurt) and bereft him of his life; who inſtantly fell into the *Coach* vpon his face dead, and was from thence caried to the Lowre.

The executioner of this *wickedneſſe* (which wanteth a *name*, though the *Deed* doth

doth not) was called *Francis Rouilliart*, a *naturall* of *France*; though an vnnaturall *Frenchman*; borne in *Angoleſme*. Hee had beene ſometimes of the order of the *Feliants*, which is an order extracted out of the Franciſcans, but miſliking to continue in a profeſsion where hearbes was their preſcribed diet, hee could not be ſatisfied but with the bloud of a King. Leauing his *Orders* hee became a *Schoolmaſter*; practiſing perhaps his *Cruelty* in the *little*, to *act* it at length in the *great*; by changing, his *rod*, into a *knife*.

As I ſaid before; I droope in the purſuit of this vnpleaſing *theame*; and leaue the *doore* open for them; that will enter further into *ſo ſad a houſe*; and the Doer therof to the moſt exquiſite torments of this *World*; and in the other *World*; to the *Company* of thoſe who were his Inſtigatours.

As touching the *Eſtabliſhment* of *Order* in *Gouernment* (next enſuing the *murder*) it is no part of my *purpoſe*; but is by me referred as part of the beginning in the *Hi-*

ſtorie of the new King, by whoſoeuer elſe ſhall write it: Only thus much, the *Queene* was proclaimed *Regent*; during the *Kings* minority: the ſtate of *France* yet enioyeth her former *Tranquility*, and *Monſieur Praſlyne* was diſpatched away to the *Armie* to hold ſome *diſcipline* vntill the comming of the *Dukes* of *Neuers*; and *Bullion*.

The peacefull *Plenty*, and Diſcipline this *King* had brought France vnto: the *great affaire of warr* which he had in hand, the ſumptuous *crowning* of his *Queene* which he had finiſhed; and to be thus ſnatched away from *theſe*, and in *theſe*, by a ſecond *Heroſtratus*; who hath defaced one of the *royalleſt buildings* the earth bare: muſt powre a myriad of the *worlds* curſes, and the *vengeance* of *God* in full vialls vpon the *Actor* and *deuiſors* thereof.

That the *ſacred perſon* of ſo great a *King*; ſhould be vndone by the hands of an *vnboly Villaine*, and his owne *vaſſaile*: that a *Prince* of the *ſword*, ſhould be butchered with a *Knife*: that *He*, who had returned

returned victoriously aliue, from the head of so *many Armies* (where *Death* keepes his open *shambles*) should now be robbed of his *life*, by the hands of *only one*, and in the peacefull streets of *Paris*: which were yet warme with the *glory* of his *Queenes* late *Coronation*: is a villenie; that exceeds (if it were possible) the *merrit* of *damnation.*

I demand euen of the *Diuell* himselfe (in whose *office* all former villenies are enrouled) whether the præceding *Ages* haue begot so stupendious and wicked a deed: Nay I will demand of his *Astrologie*; (wherein he is so great a *Master*) whether the succeeding *Times* can be malignant enough to produce such another?

Truely I confesse; that the *Intention* of the Pouder-treason if it had come to *Act*: (by which our *entier State* had beene entirely ruined in an *instant*) had exceeded this: (for as yet, God be praised the *State* of *France* goeth on in her former and euen Course:) I confesse that *Treason*, blew vp all other *treasons*, as it would haue

blowen vp all vs: It was the *Diuells Maſterpeece*; deuiſed by *himſelfe*; exceeding all *Thought*, all *Expreſsion*; all *Example*.

O How vnthankefull then are we to *God* for that his miraculous preſeruation of our *King* for the *States ſake*; of our *State*, for the *Kings ſake*: Whoſe *Conſtancy* in *Religion*, and *Iudicious profoundneſſe* in the *controuerſed points* thereof; whoſe *temperance* in *gouernement*, and *mercy* euen to *greateſt Offenders*, hath giuen vs cauſe to confeſſe the *valew* of ſo *ineſtimable* a *King*, and with publique ſacrifice of *prayers*, importune *God* for the continuance of his ſafetie. How can we heare of ſo terrible a *blow* but on the other ſide of the *wall*, and forbeare to fixe our eyes and hearts on him, that diſpoſeth all things, howſoeuer man propounds.

And whether the *ſpeech* proceeded from ſome *planetary obſeruation* in *forreine parts*, or from ſome *Intelligence* broken forth from out the denne of theſe *lurking-aſſacinates*; yet ſure I am, (and my *in-*

formation

formation is of credit) that euen about this *very time*, the like aſſault was ſaid ſhould bee made vpon the *Perſon* of our *Soueraigne*: which diuert O *God*, for thy *Holy Names ſake*, who art *King* of *kings*: for *Religions ſake*, he is the *nourice* and *protector of Religion*: for *Nature* and *Humanities ſake*, wee are borne, and muſt liue vnder *him*: preſerue *him* O God, as thy *image* being a *man*; as thy *vicegerent* being a *King*; that as thou haſt with a miraculous peace brought *him* to theſe *his owne Kingdomes*; ſo thou wilt euery *night*, and euery *morning* ſprinckle his *diademe* with the dew of *Security*, *Peace*, and *Plenty*; that *poſteritie* may compare his *reigne*, with the *reigne* of *Solomon*, vntill being *full of dayes*, he ſhall quietly lay downe his *life*, and reſigne his precious *ſoule* into *thine hands*, and deliuer his *Empires* into the *hands* of *thoſe*, who by *thy Lawes*, and by the *Lawes of Nature* are *borne* to inherit them.

of the French King.

(...ours of Grace) but even about this
very time, the like publick wasting Fire had
been made upon the Person of our Sove-
reign: which direct O God for thy Holy
Names sake, who art King of Kings: for Re-
ligions sake, be is the Patron and protector
of Religion: for Nature and Humanities
sake, we are bound in all true Love and
duty: preserve him O God, as thy image be-
ing a man, as thy ordinance being a King;
that as thou hast with a miraculous peace
brought him to circle his own Kingdoms;
so thou wilt every night, and every morn-
ing sprinkle his dwelling with the dew of
Heavenly Peace, and Piety; that posterity
may compare his reigne with the reigne of
Solomon, until being full of dayes, he shall
quietly lay downe his life [illegible]
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His Empire into the hands of [illegible]
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